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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 766 ACTION STATE INFO BANGIU BERN
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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ICRC PARM VS VN HA CT PA SZ
SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: COUNTRIES GIVING
UNUSUAL SUPPORT

1. THE DELEGATIONS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW
PROVED HELPFUL TO OUR POSITION ON THE PRG ISSUE AT THE
LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE IN UNUSUAL WAYS. WE BELIEVE THAT
SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO EXPRESSING
APPROPRIATE THANKS.

(A) GAMBIA: AS EXPLAINED IN GENEVA 726, THE GAMBIAN
DELEGATE (AMBASSADOR EBOU MOMAR TAAL IN BRUSSELS) NEVER
FLAGGED IN HIS SUPPORT. WHEN HE HAD TO RETURN TO
BRUSSELS FOR A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, TAAL TOOK THE
PRECAUTION OF ASKING HIS FIRST SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS
MR. A.K. KNIE, TO COME TO GENEVA TO REPLACE HIM.
TAAL REGISTERED BOTH HIMSELF AND NJIE AS CONFERENCE
DELEGATES. NJIE ARRIVED BEFORE TAAL'S DEPARTURE AND
VOTED IN THE FINAL BALLOT.

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2. UPON LEAVING, TAAL MENTIONED THAT HE HAD A PROJECT

OF BUILDING UP A REFERENCE LIBRARY IN HIS BRUSSELS EMBASSY, WITH WHICH HE HOPED THE USG COULD HELP. WE ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD DO ALL WE COULD. HIS REQUEST STRIKES US AS EMINENTLY REASONABLE. WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS, TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN RESPONSE.

(B) HAITI: AMBASSADOR BAGUIDY, THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR IN BERN, SHOWED UP FOR THE FIRST PLENARY THEN INEXPLICABLY DISAPPEARED AS THE CRUCIAL VOTING APPROACHED. WE HURRIEDLY ROUNDED UP THE HAITIAN HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL IN GENEVA, MR. A. ADDOR, WHO LEFT A SICK BED TO CAST VOTES FOR US. UNFORTUNATELY HE ARRIVED JUST TOO LATE TO VOTE ON FEBRUARY 4, BUT HE VOTED ON FEBRUARY 5 IN OUR FAVOR. (BAGUIDY'S SON, WHO IS ALSO HIS FIRST SECRETARY, SHOWED UP TO SIT BESIDE ADDOR.) ADDOR WENT OUT ON A LIMB FOR US IN DOING THIS, BECAUSE HE WAS NOT SURE THAT BAGUIDY WOULD LIKE BEING PRE-EMPTED THIS WAY. ALTHOUGH BAGUIDY'S SON LATER ASSURED US THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO GOH THAT ADDOR RENDERED A GREAT SERVICE BOTH TO GOH AND TO BAGUIDY PERSONALLY BY STANDING IN WHILE THE LATTER WAS OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE.

(C) NICARAGUA: WE HAVE HAD NO FIRMER FRIEND THROUGH THIS ENTIRE BATTLE THAN AMBASSADOR DANILO SANSON-ROMAN, NICARAGUA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL INCOUNTLESS WAYS, ON THE FLOOR AND IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT A SECRETARIAL LETTER TO THE GON WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT GESTURE.DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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